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REMARKS

In accordance with foregoing, claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 1 and amendments to improve form are made to claims 1, 3, and 4. No new matter is presented and, accordingly, approval and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-6 are pending herein and all thereof are rejected.

**PAGES 2-4: REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS 1-6 FOR ANTICIPATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)
BY GAI (U.S. PATENT 6,167,445)**

The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In the present invention as recited in claim 1, a communication setting management system includes setting template entry/edit means for entering or editing a setting template that collects contents to be set for the communication entities, with reference to information on a concrete method of setting the communication entities, and application rule entry/edit means for entering or editing application rules prescribing rules of which setting template is to be applied to a communication having a specific attribute.

In the Gai U.S. Patent 6,167,445, a network administrator selecting a template using GUI is described at col. 12, lines 6-9 and traffic types, users, applications, and DS code points being associated with each other in a traffic template is described at col. 12, lines 21-30. This bears some marginal similarity to the application rules entry/edit means of the present invention as recited in claim 1.

However, Gai has no disclosure or even any suggestion of "a setting template entry/edit means for entering or editing a setting template that collects contents to be set for... communication entities..." and an "application rule entry/edit means for entering or editing application rules prescribing rules of which setting template is to be applied to a communication having a specific attribute..." as recited in claim 1.

Accordingly, the present invention affords advantages not available in the system of Gai, such as are described in the specification at page 12, in which a standard administrator 22 and an upper administrator 21 having respectively lower (or standard) and upper (or high-grade) levels of knowledge share management affairs more effectively and efficiently and, further, a policy as to setting an application rules may be managed more efficiently. (In this regard, the upper administrator would use the "setting template entry/edit means..." and the normal administrator would use the "application rule entry/edit means....")

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It, furthermore, is respectfully submitted that Gai is not shown in the Office Action to have any disclosure corresponding to the features claimed in the present invention. For example, nowhere in the disclosure of Gai does there appear any reference to a "setting template", to a "setting management system" to a "communication having a specific attribute" or to effectively any others of the terms and phrases which characterize independent claim 1.

Claims 2-6 depend, either directly or indirectly, from independent claim 1 and, thus, inherit the limitations and patentable distinctions of claim 1 over the reference to Gai. Moreover, each of the dependent claims introduces yet further patentable distinction over Gai, which -- despite the apparent reading of claim recitations on Gai, in the Action -- does not contain the terminology of the specification and claims of the present application. Instead, the Action merely correlates claim recitations with excerpts of the Gai specification, set forth in parenthetical expressions of columns and lines -- but which excerpts, on comparison, bear no correlation or even any similarity to the claim recitations.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Gai has not been shown to be at all relevant to the present, claimed invention, much less to constitute an anticipatory reference under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is submitted that the pending claims patentably distinction over Gai and, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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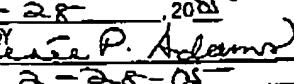
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